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Senate tax panel passes Sen. Van Woerkom's plan for elimination of Michigan's jobs tax

LANSING — Sen. Gerald Van Woerkom, R-Norton Shores, testified today before the Senate Finance Committee about his proposal to eliminate the state's burdensome Single Business Tax. Michigan is the only state with such a tax, which hampers job growth in the state. The senator issued the following statement:

"In light of Michigan's struggling economy, the state needs to re-examine how we tax job providers," Van Woerkom said. "I believe it's time to stop holding back Michigan with a tax that actually punishes businesses for hiring workers and providing benefits to those workers. We need to make Michigan more attractive to job providers. Eliminating this confusing and burdensome tax is a key step in achieving that goal."

The committee approved House Bill 5743, which was amended to incorporate Van Woerkom's proposal.

A photo and audio of the senator talking about his proposal is available online on the senator's audio and photowire pages,

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